

MODEL NOTES

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The map for locations and contact details for sessions is here:

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PAY AND HOW PAY IS CALCULATED - Cardiff Life Model Collective has been working to make uniform the rates paid by colleges, students and independent groups and this, in general, has been achieved. We have opted for £25per hour (next review Autumn 2022). Models are paid £20.00per hour (paid in cash on the day or by bank transfer) with the collective retaining £5.00 per hour to cover admin costs, to cover shortfalls in income related to poorly attended drop in sessions, to fund the web presence, to develop day long sessions and other events and to maintain and further resource our session kit bag.

All payments are regarded as payment to a self employed person and so Cardiff Life Model Collective understand that any tax or NI liability will be met by the model.

Dylan, JJ or Dave will be responsible for handling cash at our own drop in sessions.

£15.00 is the current 'national rate' for life models as advised by RAM (register of Artists Models) and Cardiff Life Model Collective have done well to achieve our higher level of remuneration across the board for student, college and for our own sessions especially as Wales is regarded as a low pay zone.

HOW WORK IS SHARED AMONGST THE MODELS In general work is shared equally amongst models but this is not entirely a true statement. Andy will prioritise himself on occasion in order to maintain regular contact with all tutors, artists and venues. Those models that play an active roll in the group, so attending sessions

to draw, photographing the sessions drawings and posting them to meetup or to Andy will be offered more work than those who are less involved.

Also, those models prepared to travel, on occasion, to venues outside of Cardiff will be rewarded with first pick of the Cardiff work... We simply need to cover work that is outside of Cardiff.

We want Cardiff Life Model Collective to be a dynamic coming together of models and artists with the melting pot of ideas generating some truly unique and stunning work. For this we need commitment from the groups models that goes a little beyond the £20.00 an hour pay rate...

WORKING AS A MODEL ELSEWHERE - We work hard to drive up the rate of pay for all. We therefore choose not to work with universities, colleges, tutors or any art class or venue that pay less than £25 per hour for their models. This also means that we will not work with models that work as life models for less than £25 per hour for classes that we do not supply models for. Any model found to be working for or soliciting for work or classes paid at less than £25 per hour will be removed from this group. We are sorry to have to spell this out but it seems that some have little understanding of collective working, the power of collectivism and appropriate pay for sessional workers.

NO SHOW - It's one strike and you're out... Following a few no shows, a big let down for the tutor, the venue and for the artists, we decided to adopt a zero tolerance to no shows. It's OK, however, to be ill, to have another appointment or to need to deal with something other than your modelling responsibilities. You just need to let Andy (07830 381 930) know in good time and preferably with a minimum of 24 hours notice. We have plenty of models and Andy can co-ordinate a replacement.

WORKING FOR THE COLLECTIVE - LITTLE MAN SESSIONS - Please arrive fifteen minutes prior to the start of each session in order to set up the room, adjust lighting and to deal with any issues with the venue.

There is a kit bag at the venue which has a paper and pencils, a pillow etc. This kit bag is held in the downstairs lobby area so please familiarise yourself with it's whereabouts. Please inform Andy if the bag needs pencils, paper etc.

Describe the format of the session to the artists at the start, so short poses, long poses etc. Stick to the advertised programme where there is one. Be yourself and allow some personality to shine through when modelling. At the end of the session tell the artists about future sessions and the collective and urge all present to join us on the Meetup group page which is easily found by typing in Cardiff Life Drawing. Encourage artists to share work over a drink when the session ends. Take photos of artists work and upload to the meetup event page.

WORKING WITH STUDENTS - Usually lovely sessions, currently with Cardiff University Architects. They organise the room and may want you to run the session yourself or may well have an idea for the session. Please be prepared for either... As usual please arrive a little early.

WORKING WITH COLLEGES AND COLLEGE TUTORS - Tutors vary in approach, experience and the colleges vary in facilities and student class sizes. However, when working with any college you need to work to the tutors direction whilst at the same time making it clear if you are cold or uncomfortable. As usual please arrive a little early. You'll need to have a fair few pose ideas to hand as tutors will guide you but will not usually be prescriptive.

WORRIED ABOUT ANYTHING? - Get in touch with Andy. He has very many years experience as a life model and is there to be leant on whilst you gain in confidence and skill. Also, Andy has a rather large shoulder so if you need to chat anything over then give him a call (actually text or mail is best as he rarely answers his phone!)